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FOR: OVER-WRAP BAG ENCLOSURE FOR STERILE CONNECTORS

AMENDMENT

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SIR:

This is a response to the first Official Action in the above application. The Official Action is dated October 25, 2002 and the period for response without extra charges expires April 25, 2003.

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS

Proposed drawing corrections dealing with reference numeral 3 and cable tie 14 are submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 8-9.

Amend Claims 1, 5, 7, and 10-12 to read as follows:

1. A connector assembly for containers used in sterile operations comprising: a connector having two ends and a flange formed thereon at a location which is intermediate

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